



# National Finance Center Customer Notification

**Date of Notification:** March 11, 2010

**Subject:** Testing of DB2 Version 9.1

**Database/Customer(s) Affected:** All Customers

**Dear Customer:**

The National Finance Center (NFC) will be upgrading the DB2 Databases to Version 9.1 in the near future. In support of this change, testing is scheduled for the following applications on the dates indicated.

DB01		
Date	System	Testing Start Time
Saturday, March 13, 2010	CADJ	8:00 a.m.
	CAES	8:00 a.m.
	CLER	8:00 a.m.
	CNTL	8:00 a.m.
	EMPR	8:00 a.m.
	FAAD/R	8:00 a.m.
	FFATA	8:00 a.m.
	GLID	8:00 a.m.
	MASC/FFIS Interface	8:00 a.m.
	OTRS	8:00 a.m.
	SOAP	8:00 a.m.
	STAT	8:00 a.m.
	SETSWEB	8:00 a.m.

## Instructions for Saturday, March 13, 2010

Testers should call Operations and Security Center (OSC) at 504-426-1060 or 1-800-767-9641 after 10:00 a.m. CT to ensure that all programs are being successfully loaded and testing can begin at 12:00 Noon CT.

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DB05		
Date	System	Testing Start Time
Saturday, March 27, 2010	CLOG	8:00 a.m.
	EARN	8:00 a.m.
	EMCP	8:00 a.m.
	EPIC	8:00 a.m.
	MASC/FFIS Interface	8:00 a.m.
	QMHS	8:00 a.m.
	ROBS	8:00 a.m.
	SPPS-R	8:00 a.m.
	STAR	8:00 a.m.
	WTWO1R	8:00 a.m.

DB15		
Date	System	Testing Start Time
Saturday, March 27, 2010	FFIS	8:00 a.m.
	IBIL	8:00 a.m.
	MASC/FFIS Interface	8:00 a.m.

### Instructions for Saturday, March 27, 2010

Testers should call Operations and Security Center (OSC) at 504-426-9641 after 11:00 a.m. CT to ensure that all programs are being successfully loaded and testing can begin at 12:00 Noon CT.

The installation process will begin at 8:00 a.m. CT and will continue until 11:59 a.m. CT.

### General Testing Instructions

Testing is currently scheduled to start at 12:00 p.m. CT and can continue until 4:00 p.m. CT on each scheduled date. Any changes to the start time will be provided via e-mail. In preparation for the testing phase, please ensure that the functions are available before the test weekend.

Send an e-mail to the addresses below to advise which applications will be tested, for example, EPIC application using COOLGEN Client; EPICWEB application using DB2 Stored Procedures; and STARWEB application using COOLGEN WEB, etc. Also include in your email the user's contact information such as name, telephone number, e-mail address, and User Id.

Send your test reports and list of testers to Robert Jeandron, [bob.jeandron@usda.gov](mailto:bob.jeandron@usda.gov) and Mike Snipes, [mike.snipes@usda.gov](mailto:mike.snipes@usda.gov). In the event the Outlook e-mail system is unavailable, please contact either Bob Jeandron at 504-426-2464 or Mike Snipes at 504-426-2039.

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Testing for New Function Mode is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 8, 2010 and Saturday, May 22, 2010. Instructions and information will be provided by April 15, 2010.

A list of the DB2 applications names and acronyms is attached.

**Special Note:**

**Any updates to data done in these applications will change the production databases specified and will remain in the databases after the test unless there are problems discovered with the new version of software.**

Please forward any questions regarding this notification to [bob.jeandron@usda.gov](mailto:bob.jeandron@usda.gov) or [mike.snipes@usda.gov](mailto:mike.snipes@usda.gov).

Attachment

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<b>System Testing for March 13, 2010</b>
<i>DB01</i>
Central Accounting DOJ Database (CADJ)
Central Accounting Extract System (CAES)
Centralized Enrollment Clearinghouse System (CLER)
Civilian Employment (EMPR)
Management Account Structure Codes System/Financial Foundation Information System Interface (MASC/FFIS Interface)
Central Accounting Control System (CNTL)
OTRS Tracking and Reconciliation System (OTRS)
QWIK Message Handling System (QMHS)
Salary Offset Agency Processing (SOAP)
Statistical Tabulation Analysis Tables (STAT)
Security Entry and Tracking System (SETS)
Federal Fund Accounting and Transport Act 2006 (FFATA)
General Ledge Interactive Description (GLID)

<b>System Testing for March 27, 2010</b>
<i>DB05</i>
Entry, Processing, Inquiry and Correction System (EPIC)
NFC Common Logon System (CLOG)
Statement of Earnings and Leave System (EARN)
NFC Employee Component System (EMCP)
Management Account Structure Codes System/Financial Foundation Information System Interface (MASC/FFIS Interface)
QWIK Message Handling System (QMHS)
Error Handling Component (ROBS)
Special Payroll Processing System (SPPS)
System for Time and Attendance Reporting (STAR)
WTWO System Mainframe/Block Mode Format (WTWO)
<i>DB15</i>
Internet Billing System (IBIL)
Financial Foundation Information System (FFIS)

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